

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable by Miyaguchi et al. (JP 11-188033) (hereinafter "Miyaguchi") in view of Yamamoto et al. (JP06-196680) (hereinafter "Yamamoto").

Claims 5 and 6 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have canceled claims 1-4 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 5 and 6 remain currently pending for consideration.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable by Miyaguchi in view of Yamamoto. Applicants have canceled claims 1-4 and 7, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-4 and 7 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is thanked for the indication that remaining claims 5 and 6 are allowed. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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